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**Special Funds for Tribal Special Plan Area**

4397. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by the Government for allocating special funds to States for the development of Tribal Sub Plan area; and

(b) the assistance provided to the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The criteria for allocating special Central Assistance to States for development of Tribal Sub-Plan area are mainly population of Scheduled Tribes in the projects, their areas and relative backwardness of the States.

(b) The assistance provided to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in the Seventh Five Year Plan was Rs. 234.05 crores.

**Gardens and Parks Under MCD**

4398. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI:

SHRI RAMSHRAY PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gardens and parks maintained by MCD and the number out of them in bad shape;

(b) how many times these gardens and parks were visited by the concerned senior officers during the last two months and the action taken by them for improper maintenance of these gardens and parks;

(c) the reasons for improper maintenance of the gardens and parks and the steps taken to improve their conditions;

(d) whether the road side trees are grown in haphazard manner which are later on subjected to felling due to road widening etc; and

(e) the steps taken to grow the trees in orderly and proper manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that out of a total of 7,293 gardens and parks, 3,000 parks could not be maintained upto the mark due to various reasons.

(b) According to MCD, these gardens and parks are regularly visited by the concerned officers and efforts are made to improve the condition of parks within the existing facilities.

(c) The main reasons for bad condition of these parks have been reported as under:—

(i) Use of parks for marriages, social, political and religious functions etc.

(ii) Non-availability of irrigation water.

(iii) Nuisance caused by stray cattle and pigs.

(iv) Digging by telephones, DESU and Delhi Water Supply & Sewage Disposal Undertakings.

(v) Some of the parks and tot-lots are so small that it is difficult to keep them green.

(vi) The non-co-operation of the residents.

(d) The MCD have stated that road side plantation is done after carefully assessing the future need of widening of the roads. However, the roads which were constructed many years ago had to be widened due to increase in traffic and the trees planted along such roads had to be cut in public interest.

(e) Maximum care is being taken to plant trees according to cross section of roads. There are standing instructions of the Lt. Governor, Delhi that two trees have to be planted before orders for cutting a tree for road-widening etc. is given.

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**U.N. Proposal on providing proper Diet and Medical Facilities to Children**

4399. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has supported the UNO proposal regarding Human Rights to the effect that adequate arrangements should be made to provide proper diet and medical facilities to the children below 18 years of age and save them from exploitation;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to implement this programme in the country according to the joint declaration of UN and UNICEF; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) India was a party to the consensus adoption of the UN Convention on Rights of the Child which inter-alia provides for the rights of the child to proper nutrition, health care and to protection from exploitation etc. However, India is yet to ratify the Convention. India was also a party to the adoption by consensus of the Declartion and Plan of Action by the World Summit for Children.

(b) and (c) A Working Group has been set up by the Government for preparation of National Programme of Action as envisaged by Plan of Action. Necessary action is to be taken by all concerned after National Programme of Action has been prepared.

**World Bank Assistance for Environmental Schemes**

4400. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI:

SHRI RAMACHANDRA VEERAPPA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which have sought assistance from World Bank for the environmental projects to be set up/located in various cities; and

(b) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No assistance is to be sought by States directly from the World Bank. The Government of India has signed an agreement with the World Bank to assist a project on Industrial Pollution Control. Under this, loan is to be provided to large and medium industrial units in the major polluting sectors for installation of pollution abatement equipment and for establishment of Common Effluent Treatment Plants for clusters of small-scale industrial units, throughout the country. The project also provides for the strengthening of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) and the State Pollution Control Boards of the major industrialised States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.